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SIR,

IT is a long time ſince you heard from me, which perhaps you may a little wonder at, altho' I don't, and ſhall give you no reaſon for it; only in the language of the author of the BEE, who every week very elegantly tells us, the cauſe was from *certain perſons, for certain reaſons, ſuch as were never before heard of in a free nation*, or to that effect. But tho' I am ugly humoured, and won't tell you why I have been ſo long ſilent, yet I muſt tell you the reaſon of this epiſtle, is, becauſe you have troubled your head about the learned Mr. WARD; whoſe abilities and great ſucceſs are too well known, amongſt the undertakers, coffin-makers, and ſextons of this city, to be blaſted by your ſlanderous pen. Let the man alone, and if he has the art to kill, by one *drop* only, whilſt others muſt fill vials, and ſometimes quart bottles, before they can do it, it ſhews him to be the greater artiſt, and of conſequence to deſerve encouragement. You may ſay your pleaſure; but I ſay, a *Quack* is a very uſeful perſon in a common-wealth, eſpecially where it is too populous, as ours is at preſent: and for the further encouragement of ſuch adepts, I think they ought to be incorporated by a charter, and Mr. WARD to be the firſt maſter of the company.

When I look back for forty years paſt, it is with great pleaſure that I reflect upon the many uſeful *Quacks* in this city. The firſt I ſhall name was *Dr.* TOM SAFFOLD, the heel-maker, who flouriſhed about 40 years ago, and made *clap-curing* his ſole buſineſs, and uſed to publiſh his bills in verſe, thus:

Here's SAFFOLD's pills, much better than the reſt,
Deſervedly have gain'd the name of beſt:
A box of eighteen pills for eighteen pence,
Tho' 'tis too cheap, in any man's own ſenſe.

By which the Doctor demonſtrated, that he was as good a poet, as he was a phyſician: but as ſuch uſeful men do not live always, ſo the great SAFFOLD made his exit, to the great regret of the *whoring part* of the town.

After him, or about that time, up ſtarted Sir WILL. READ mountebank, oculiſt, and ſworn operator for the eyes. This man was an excellent ſcholar, only he had the misfortune that he could not read any one word in a book: however he was knighted, and kept a chariot, and that was better. I think his original was a taylor, if he had any earthly original at all, which I am not very certain of; or whether he did not drop down from the moon, ſtage and all: however, he ſlept with his fathers; and in his ſtead, up popped honeſt ROGER GRANT the tinker, of whom a friend of mine once ſung,

Her majeſty ſure was in a ſurpriſe,
Or elſe, was very ſhort ſighted;
When a tinker was ſworn to look after her eyes,
And the mountebank READ was knighted.

This honeſt man, who was really bred a tinker, no doubt, underſtood the anatomy of that curious organ the eye, exceeding well; for how could it be otherwiſe? So that, like all the reſt of that tribe, ſome he put out, and ſome he put in, and ſome he put by. Nay furthermore, he had the vanity to have his picture done upon copper, and had many printed off, to preſent to friends; he preſented one of theſe to an acquaintance of mine, who paſted it up in his houſe of office, with theſe lines underneath:

See here the picture of a brazen face,
The fitteſt lumber for this ſtinking place.
A tinker firſt his ſcene of life began;
That failing, he ſet up for cunning man:
But wanting luck, puts on a new diſguiſe,
And now pretends, that he can mend your eyes:
But this expect, that like a tinker true,
Where he repairs one eye, he puts out two.

This truſty ROGER, made a blaze like other meteors, and then was quite extinct. And Moorfields being a place much noted for mad-men and mountebanks, with a little ſprinkling of conjurers, there flouriſhed for ſome years the very ingenious Dr. TROTTER, the fortune-teller, who for twelve penny worth of money, diſpenſed as much good fortune to his followers, as was richly worth two and twenty pence: but he died, as other people do, when fortune failed him, and his time was come.

In the ſame fields, ſprung up the ſtuttering *unborn Doctor*, as he called himſelf; who, as he told the mob, kept a ſtage upon his own ground. That and his ſtammering, and calling himſelf *the unborn Doctor*, took ſtrangely with the mobility, they ſuppoſing he had been cut out of his mother's belly. But here lay the *joke:* when a gentleman asked him, How he came to be an unborn Doctor? he ſtutterred an anſwer thus, *Wh—wh—why is any ma-man bo-bo born a Do-do-doctor? and if ſ-ſo, then I am an un-bo-bo-born Do-do-doctor, an't I?* He did not flouriſh very long: but whether, out of love to his dear country, he went for a foot ſoldier, or out of humility cried oranges in a wheel-barrow, I never could learn; but certain it is, he diſappeared long ſince, to the great loſs of the public.

About that time appeared another learned gentleman (whoſe name, to my great ſorrow, I have forgot) who was a great fortune-teller, and who in his bills aſſured us, that he had been the counſellor to the counſellors of ſeveral kingdoms, that he had the ſeed of the true female fern, and alſo had a *glaſs*. What this glaſs was, whether a *glaſs* bottle, or a perſpective *glaſs*, or a *glaſs* eye, or what elſe, I never could learn; but once I had a curioſity to viſit this great *adept*, whom I found very poor, very ſhabby, very ignorant, and very ſilly: what became of him I know not, but his uſefullneſs has been long ſince loſt.

Then ſome years ſince ſprung up the learned Dr. HANCOCK, who inſtructed us to cure ourſelves with *cold water* and *ſtewed prunes:* he was a ſhining light, till he was put out by the writings of ſome men of ſuperior ſenſe, who ſilenced the Doctor, and exploded his doctrine, and kicked it quite out of uſe, and the Doctor ſoon after *ſlipped his wind*, in ſpite of the great plenty of *cold water*.

But of all the great men in the faculty, commend me to Dr. ANODYNE, a man that has ſtood his ground longer than any of his brethren, and has the prettieſt way to put off his packets of any man alive. One year he informs us *gratis*, that all the woodcocks and cuckoos go annually to the moon; another year he preſents us (*gratis* alſo good man) with an almanack, crammed with many valuable ſecrets; particularly one receipt, to choak thoſe noxious vermin the *buggs*, and another to make *ſack-whey:* and had he but alſo told us his ſecret how to catch crab-lice, and how to make ſnares for butter-flies, it would have been an almanack far exceeding *Partridge* or *Poor Robin*.

It might (his *neck-lace* I mean) be of great uſe to thoſe that breed geeſe, to hang one of them about the neck of every goſling, to make them breed their teeth without pain: and however ſome may ſay (maliciouſly enough) that he buys broken marrow-bones of the butchers to make his *neck-laces* out of, I rather think (as the Doctor is a ſimilar fool-loſopher) that he drills them out of the jaw-bone of an aſs. But be that as it will, or however it may have aſſiſted other people's teeth, it has certainly helped the Doctor's own very much, by providing him with many a good dinner: and let them laugh that win, for there will ſtill be children that want teeth, and fools to buy the *neck-laces*, in town and countrey. Beſides, what ſignifies five ſhillings? it is but a trifle to throw away upon a *neck-lace*, that can do a child no harm, if he was to eat it.

But leaving this learned man, let us deſcend to that famous Doctor, who has taught us to make a ſoup, a haſh, a fricaſſee, of *quick-ſilver*; which you may ſwallow, and ſh— out, and ſwallow again 50 times, till you are cured, but when that will be, neither you, nor I, nor any body elſe can tell. And ſince a much more ingenious gentleman has layed the Doctor on his back, and ſhewed the abſurdity, as well as danger of that practice, I ſhall leave him to his more ſerious meditations; hoping, that as he is a ſcholar, a gentleman, and no quack, like the reſt, he will ſee his error, and let *quick-ſilver* reſt in quiet.

And now Mr. BAVIUS, I ſhall wind up my bottom, and tell you, that altho' I think you have done great ſervice to your country, in expoſing Mr. WARD's malpractice, yet I adviſe you to take care that he does not ſue you for *ſcandalum quackatum*. And ſhall conclude, with this wholeſome advice to all who are inclined to try this old new-revived remedy:

Before you take his *drop* or *pill*,
Take leave of friends, and make your will.

I am yours, &c.
DEMOCRITUS.

P. S. My ſervice to my worthy friend the *Worm-doctor*, in Laurence-pountney-lane, whom I forgot to put in the catalogue of worthies afore-going; for which I ask his pardon with both my hands.

ODE for the new year, compos'd by COLLEY CIBBER, Eſq; Poet-Laureat.

CHORUS.

Happy Britain! raiſe thy voice,
Lift thy thankful heart to heaven;
Sound to nations round thy joys,
Joys from GEORGE's ſcepter given.
GEORGE, his people's pride and pray'r,
Pours the bleſſings of his reign,
Conſtant as the circling year,
Ending only to begin.

RECITATIVE.

O may his op'ning Senate's voice
Deſerve the dignity of choice!
When power or liberty are weigh'd,
May Wiſdom hold the balance even;
May neither native rights invade,
Or, heated, to extreams be driven:
So fruitleſs Faction ſhall her views give o'er,
Nor envy loyalty the toil of pow'r.

AIR.

While waſting wars o'er Europe ſweep,
Fair Albion's fields dread no alarm,
Here Peace and Plenty arm in arm,
Secure, like child and parent, ſleep.
Thus ſhall our ſmiling land, at reſt,
See Diſcontent compell'd t' enjoy
The halcyon days ſhe would deſtroy,
And GEORGE's gentle ſway confeſs'd.

RECITATIVE.

If, Britons, ſtill your hopes are higher,
Attend, and gratify deſire;
While from the throne we hear the gracious voice
Thus lead our wiſhes, and inſtruct our choice.

AIR.

Upon his people's firm affection
Depends the glory of his crown;
And while their rights receive protection,
More ſtrongly guarded are his own.
The ſtreams of pow'r and bleſt allegiance
Thus ſweetly flow from mutual truſt:
Secure the ſubject, in obedience;
Glorious the prince, when greatly juſt.

RECITATIVE.

Henceforth let no diſtinction then
Reproach or merit give to men;
Unleſs of ſuch as would ſubvert
Our church and ſtate, or both ſupport.

AIR.

But if 'tis a glory to be
A nation, rich, hardy and free;
Averſe, unprovok'd, to annoy;
Yet wrong'd, to give battle with joy;
Of all nature's bleſſings poſſeſs'd:
Yet, 'tis our chief glory confeſs'd,
That Britons this happineſs know,
And GEORGE, only GEORGE, can beſtow.

CHORUS.

Happy Britain! raiſe thy voice, &c.

VER. 1, 2. *Happy Britain! raiſe thy voice,*
Lift thy thankful heart to heaven.

It muſt needs be no ſmall ſatisfaction to all perſons religiouſly diſpoſed, to ſee STERNHOLD's and HOPKINS's *Pſalms*, recommended as a pattern for Lyric compoſitions, by the example of our great LAUREAT. The XCV *Pſalm* begins, *O come let us* lift *up our* voice; the XXV, *I* lift *my* heart *to thee*; the IX, *With* heart *and* mouth *unto the Lord*; and the CVIII, *OGod, my* heart *prepared is, And eke my* tongue *is ſo*. Of all which, the two firſt lines of this *Ode* are a manifeſt, tho' not a ſervile imitation. For the LAUREAT has both ingeniouſly varied one of the expreſſions, joining *raiſe*, inſtead of *lift*, to *voice*; and likewiſe inverted the order of the thought, exciting *Britain* to *raiſe* her *voice* firſt, and then to *lift* her *heart* afterwards.

VER. 3. *Sound to nations round thy* joys.] The DA. inſtead of *joys*, reads *choice*; taking it, I ſuppoſe, for an epithet to *joys* in the next line, *choice joys*.

VER. 4. *Joys from* GEORGE's *ſcepter given.*] The meaning is, *given*, by his majeſty's hand, *from* his *ſcepter*.

VER. 8. *Ending only to* begin.] *Begin* being but an odd rime to *reign*, Mr. POPPY propoſed to read, *Ending to begin again:* but Mr. DACTYL was for retaining the 8th verſe, and reading the 6th, *Pours his bleſſings thick and thin.*

VER. 8 *O may his opening Senate's voice*] It ſeems diſputable, whether it ſhould be *opening ſenate's*, or *opening voice:* there is a peculiar propriety in either.

VER. 9. Deſerve *the dignity of choice*] Some conjecture it ſhould be *Preſerve:* according to which reading, there cannot be the leaſt doubt concerning the completion of the poet's wiſh. *The dignity of choice* is *the dignity* conferred by the free unbribed choice of the electors.

VER. 11, 12. *May neither*, &c.] Neither *power*, nor *liberty*. In the two preceding verſes, it is wiſhed, that both theſe may be *weighed* in a *balance* held *even* by *Wiſdom's* hand: here it is wiſhed, that they may not, like two contending parties, either *invade* each others *native rights*, or being *heated*, *be driven to extreams*. The ſudden change of the metaphor, the variety of the poetical diction, and the juſt gradation of the thought, are all ſurpriſing.

VER. 15. *So fruitleſs Faction ſhall her views give o'er.*] What is here ſpoken by way of prophecy, was delivered in the *New years Ode* 1731, only by way of advice: *Let Faction then her ſelf-born views lay down.*

VER. 19, 20. *Here Peace and Plenty arm in arm,*
Secure, like child and parent, ſleep.

Tho' ſome have thought it more natural for a *child* to *ſleep* in the *parent's arms*; yet ſince it is certain, that they ſometimes *ſleep arm in arm*, eſpecially if the *child* be pretty big, a *Plenty* may be juſtly ſuppoſed to be, this is a ſufficient juſtification of the image. The hint of the near relation which *Peace* and *Plenty* have to each other, the poet took, no doubt, from thoſe celebrated lines which have adorned the corner of the *Sheet-almanack*, time out of mind, *War begets Poverty,*

Poverty Peace,
Peace makes riches [or Plenty] *flow.*

VER. 20, &c. *Thus ſhall our ſmiling land, at reſt*, &c.] The following prophetic image, being connected to the former by the particle *Thus*, ſeems moſt naturally deſigned to repreſent to our imagination the beautiful *Britannia* taking her *reſt*, and *ſeeing*, in a dream, *Faction* or *Diſcontent compelled to enjoy halcyon days*; at which odd ſight, it is no wonder that ſhe cannot forbear *ſmiling*. Both the *halcyon days*, and GEORGE's *gentle ſway*, are borrowed from the *New-year's Ode* 1732.

VER. 25. *If, Britons, ſtill your hopes are higher*, &c.] The poet here ſuppoſes a caſe one would think impoſſible, That we, who injoy *liberty, peace, and plenty*, ſhould *ſtill* have *higher hopes* and *deſires:* however, if we have, he aſſures us they ſhall be *gratified* in the manner following.

VER. 27. *While from the throne we hear the gracious voice*
28. *Thus lead our wiſhes, and inſtruct our choice.*

One would imagine, that his majeſty's *gracious voice*, in order to *gratifie* our *deſires* and *wiſhes*, ſhould follow, inſtead of *leading them*. The copy in the DA. *Jan.* 3. for *Thus lead*, exhibits *Then read:* according to which, we are firſt of all to *hear the gracious voice from the throne*; *then* we are to *read our wiſhes* in his majeſty's printed ſpeech, and thereby *inſtruct our choice* as to thoſe things for which we are to *wiſh*; and by thus *hearing* and *reading* we ſhall *gratifie* our *deſires*.

The next ſtanza, conſiſting of eight verſes, either has no manner of connection with the preceding, or elſe it muſt repreſent to us part of his majeſty's next gracious ſpeech: with which I ſhall not preſume to meddle; and even think, that our LAUREAT has exerted the prophetic part of his character a little too freely on this occaſion.

VER. 37. *Henceforth let no diſtinction then*, &c.] The juſtneſs of the inference, the propriety, grammatical connection, and poetical elegancy of the words, the harmony of the numbers, and the exactneſs of the rime, diſtinguiſh this ſtanza from all the reſt, in ſuch a manner, that no illuſtration can ſet it in a more advantageous light.

VER. 45. *Yet 'tis our chief glory confeſt*, &c.] *'Tis our chief glory, that* we *know* the *happineſs* juſt before deſcribed, *and* that GEORGE *only can beſtow* it. This is above the common way of thinking: for tho' to enjoy *this happineſs* is indeed *our chief glory*; yet certainly it is his majeſty's, not ours, that *only* He *can beſtow it* upon us. BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *White-hall Evening Poſt*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

Hyp-Oratorial puffs and advertiſements in December. — Hyp puffs 6. Oratorial ditto 4. In all 10. — Hyp-advertiſements 3. Oratorial ditto 9. In all 11. — Decreaſed in the puffs 2: in the advertiſements 3.

Chriſtened laſt week males 142: females 177: in all 319. — *Buried* males 199: females 232: in all 431.— Increaſed in the burials 10. *SJ. WE. LE.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 2. Yeſterday being New-years day, there was a very numerous and ſplendid appearance at court, &c. *DJ.*

The ſame day a very curious marble ſtatue of king William III. was ſet up in the great hall of the Bank, on which occaſion the under ſervants fir'd three volleys with ſmall-arms juſt as it was fix'd upon its pedeſtal. The following is a tranſlation of the Latin inſcription under it:

For reſtoring efficacy to the laws,
Authority to the courts of juſtice,
Dignity to the parliament,
To all his ſubjects their religion and liberties,
And
For confirming theſe to poſterity
By the ſucceſſion of the illuſtrious houſe of Hanover
To the Britiſh throne:
To the beſt of princes, WILLIAM III.
Founder of the Bank,
This corporation, from a ſenſe of gratitude,
Has erected this ſtatue,
And dedicated it to his memory,
In the year of our lord MDCCXXXIV.
And the firſt year of this building. *DA.*

Cambridge, Dec. 31. Mr. Taylor of S. John's Coll. being lately choſen regiſter of the univerſity, to-day Mr. Parne was choſen librarian. *P.*

On monday his royal highneſs the prince went to the houſe of Nic. Hawksmore, Eſq; to ſee the plan of a bridge from Weſtminſter Horſe-ferry to Lambeth. *LE.*

The duke of Montagu, captain of the band of gentlemen-penſioners, has diſpatch'd circular letters to revive the ancient rules and orders, viz. that five of the ſaid gentlemen ſhall attend conſtantly every day in the antichambers from 10 in the forenoon 'till 3 in the afternoon, and on every drawing-room night from 8 'till 12. This notice hath greatly alarmed the whole band, who have hitherto look'd upon their places as a ſort of *ſine cure*. LE. — *It is to be wiſhed*, that *all* ſine cures, *both in church and ſtate, were aboliſhed.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 3. The right hon. the earl of Cholmondeley has reſign'd his poſt of maſter of the horſe to his royal highneſs the prince. *DA.*

A 250,000 l. loan for the emperor is ſubſcribed at the Bank by licence from his majeſty. *DJ.*

Yeſterday ſeveral of the moſt eminent diſſenters of this city, met at the Swan and Rummer tavern in Finch-lane, to conſider of a petition to be preſented to parliament, in order to take off the Teſt act. *P.* — On wedneſday. *DJ.* — 'Tis now talk'd, that they will drop this affair for the preſent. *DA.* — Mr. Conundrum *is afraid this delay will make them more* teſty.

On wedneſday Mr. Braithwaite, an eminent cheeſemonger in King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, was defrauded of notes, &c. to the value of 300 l. by a ſharper who came into his ſhop under pretence of having occaſion to buy a large commodity in his trade. *P.*

The pilot of the William and Mary yacht, which was ſent to bring over his excellency Horatio Walpole, Eſq; was waſh'd over board and drowned. *C.*

There was lately brought into the ware-houſe of Haſtings in Suſſex, by Mr. John Parnell the ſupervifor, 28 bags, containing near 800 weight of tea, which they ſeiz'd at Cliffs-end. *DA.*

Married, a few days ago, the right hon. the earl of Sutherland to the lady Betty Wemyſs. *DA.*

Died, on wedneſday Mr. Pyecroft, an eminent brewer in the Minories. *P. DA.* — Said to have died worth 40,000 l. *C* — At Baſingbourne-hall in Eſſex, John Kendal, Eſq; F. R. S. *DP.* — Yeſterday at his houſe in the Haymarket, the famous Mr. Heydegger. *DA.* — He is not only alive, but in good health. *DA. Jan.* 4.

On wedneſday the groom of the bed-chamber to his grace the duke of Richmond, being diſordered in his ſenſes, cut his throat in ſuch a manner, that his life is deſpaired of. *C.*

There were only 27 malefactors executed in 1734. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 4. We hear that the right hon. the earl of Cholmondeley, will be appointed maſter of the horſe to his majeſty; and that the right hon. the marquiſs of Caernarvon will be, &c. *C.* — *My brother adds four other* prophecies.

On monday next being Twelfth-day, their majeſties and the royal family will go, with the uſual ſolemnity, to the chapel-royal, &c. *DJ.* — *The completion of this ſeems more certain, than that of the other* five.

Yeſterday lieutenant Fox was appointed captain of the Griffin fire-ſhip. *P. DP.*

The rev. Mr. Evan Price was lately preſented by his majeſty to the free-ſchool of Berkhamſtead, founded by king Edw. VI. *DP.*

On the 1ſt inſt. Mr. Edw. Collins was choſen pumper of the king's Bath. *DJ.*

On thurſday began the quarter ſeſſions for the Tower royalty, when Sir John Gonſon open'd it with a very learned and ingenious charge. *DA.* — *It is always opened in the ſame manner.*

A large Dutch ſhip bound from Surinam with 600 hogſheads of ſugar, &c. was loſt laſt monday near Biddeford, and out of 24 men, only one ſaved, and one box, containing about 600 pieces of eight. *P.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 6. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Hatton preached before their majeſties, the prince, and the princeſſes Amelia and Caroline. *C. P. DA.* — Dr. Hutton: and the rev. Dr. Pierce before his royal highneſs the duke, and the princeſſes Louiſa and Mary. *DJ.*

This being Twelfth day, their majeſties and the royal family will go with the uſual ſtate. *C. P. DA.* — The ſame night their majeſties will play at Hazard, for the benefit of the Groom-porter. *P.* — The ſame evening. *DA.* — This evening. *DJ.* — *The* DJ. *foretold all this on ſaturday.*

We hear that there will be a camp of the foot-guards this ſummer in Hyde-park. *P.*

A letter having been thrown into the Court-yard of Mrs. Miller on Mays-hill near Greenwich, on tueſday the 24th of December laſt, about 10 o' clock in the evening, ſubſcrib'd P. S. T. F. L. R. J. N. G. L B. D. M. E. C. S. J. R. threatening, that in caſe ſhe did not that very night lay ten guineas under a brick, the third poſt downwards from her door, ſhe might be ſure to have her houſe ſurrounded and plunder'd, and afterwards burnt to the ground, and her young ſon (heir to a very large eſtate) taken away and diſpos'd of in the Weſt Indies; his majeſty has been pleas'd to promiſe his moſt gracious pardon to any perſon who ſhall diſcover his accomplice or accomplices, ſo as they may be brought to juſtice: and Mrs. Miller has offer'd a reward of 50 l. *DP. DJ.*

Died, on ſaturday in Burlington-gardens, the right hon. the lady Betty Montague, relict of the late lord Montague. *C.* — Siſter to the late judge Montagu. *P.* — Relict of Sir James Montagu, Knt. one of the barons of the Exchequer. *DP.* — Lord chief baron. *DA.* — Aunt to his grace the duke of Mancheſter. *C. DP.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 7. Yeſterday being Twelfth-day, the royal family went to the chapel at St. James's, where his majeſty made his offerings of gold, frankincenſe, and myrrh, according to antient cuſtom; and in the evening their majeſties, &c. play'd at hazard. *DP.* — His majeſty and the prince made offerings of 3 purſes, &c. *DA.*

We hear the right hon. the earl of Godolphin has reſign'd his place of groom of the ſtole to his majeſty. *DP.* — This report is without foundation. *P. DJ.*

Sir Cordell Firebrace, of Long-Melford in Suffolk, Bar. grandſon to the late Sir Baſil, has been unanimouſly nominated a candidate for that county. *DA.*

The rev. Mr. Wiliſon, and the rev. Mr. Mackintoſh, two of the commiſſioners from the church of Scotland, are ſetting out from Edinburgh, to ſolicit a repeal of the patronage act. *DJ. DA.*

They write from Briſtol, that all the ſhips lately arriv'd there have met with exceſſive bad weather; and that wrecks have been ſeen in their channel. *DA.*

On thurſday night a porter who ply'd in St. James's market got very drunk, and laid himſelf down to ſleep at a door in Dean-ſtreet, Soho, from whence being carry'd to St. Giles's watch-houſe, he expir'd the next day. *DP.* — On friday evening the wife of one Cole a carpenter at Greenwich, being intoxicated with ſpirits, leaned down on the bed, and having ſet the candle on the ground near a deal table, it ſet fire to it, and reaching her cloaths, burnt her thigh [thighs. *DJ.*] and the arm on which ſhe lean'd, to a coal; notwithſtanding which, ſhe was ſo far deſtitute of feeling, that ſhe could not be brought to her ſenſes till the morning, when ſhe complained of being very ſore. She lived till 5 on ſaturday evening, and then died. On the out-cry of fire, near 40 women got together, moſt of whom were in ſuch a condition, as to want ſo diſmal an object to deter them from ſuch pernicious liquors. *C. DJ.*

On ſaturday evening the Clapton and Newington ſtage coaches were robbed, by two highwayman, on their return from London, to the value of 70 l. *P.*

Married, yeſterday, at S. Paul's Covent-garden, Tho. Fletcher, of Newbury, Eſq; to miſs Lucy Mordaunt, of great Queen-ſtreet, a lady of 12,000 l. fortune. *P.*

Died, on the 30th paſt at Edinburgh, Sir John Kirkaldy, Bar. *DJ.* — The remains of an antient family. *C.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 8. We hear that the report of a compromiſe to a late vacant ſee is abſolutely without foundation, a certain noble lord, having (as we learn) on ſeveral occaſions publickly diſclaimed all concurrence in that promotion. *P. DP.* — *It ſeems, King and his Peer*
Should ſend congé d' elire.

Married, yesterday, at Whitehall-chapel, Tho. Gibson, Esq; eldest son of the right rev. the lord bishop of London, to miss Haynes, daughter of Mr. Haynes of Chelsea, register of Canterbury. *P. DP. DA.*

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your humble servant,
HANNAH HOUSEWIFE.

Jan. 3, 1734.

Since our last we have received a *Letter* signed PHILANTHROPOS, and a long *Riddle* in rime.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 3. In the night between Dec. the 24th and 25th, N. S. the king of Spain's fine palace over against the bridge of Segovia in Madrid was unfortunately set on fire: the said palace and all the valuable furniture were consum'd to ashes, together with the most exquisite collection of pictures in Europe. The loss is computed at several millions of pieces of eight; but how it happened is as yet unknown. *DA.*

Amsterdam, Jan. 5. The number of persons that died in this city in the year 1733, was 10,691, and the number of those last Year 7764; so that the decrease in our yearly bill was 2927. *C.—Is this owing to* Ward's *pill?*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 4 —— *Paris, Jan.* 8. They write from Madrid, that the princess of Asturias, infanta of Spain, was lately brought to bed of a princess, who is her first child. *C. P.* —— The princess of Brazil: she is now 17 years of age, was contracted to the French king about 13 years ago, and married to the prince of Portugal in 1729. *DA.*

Paris, Jan. 8. The king has ordered, that the revenues of all vacant bishopricks, which were usually esteem'd sacred, and applied only to the uses of the church, shall, for the future, be paid into his own treasury, towards the expence of the war. *DA. DJ.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 6. The count of Hoym, who has had several revolutions of favour and disgrace at the court of Saxony, is now charg'd with blacker crimes than ever; and as he attempted to make away with himself when he was seiz'd, his guards are always with him, and even cut his meat, not daring to trust him with knife or fork. He was call'd the Mecænas of Saxony, and is undoubtedly a nobleman of great wit and learning, but of little honour and integrity. 'Tis said, that his method was to lampoon the courtiers, till they interceded with their prince to stop his mouth with a place; and that when he had forc'd himself into the administration, he used to betray the secrets of it to the French party. *DA*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 7. By letters from Lisbon of Dec 18. we are informed, that his majesty had received letters from the emperor, which he immediately communicated to his brother, the prince Don Emanuel, in the presence of the Infante Don Carlos, whence it was inferr'd, that those letters concern'd the marriage of that Infante to the second archdutchess; so that we believe it may still go on, notwithstanding the proposals from the court of Bavaria, which perhaps have not been made so much with an expectation of success, as by a refusal of them, to justify an adherence to another certain power. *DP.*

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